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REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 AT 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE, NEEDLES

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CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONFLICT OF INTEREST
CORRESPONDENCE
INTRODUCTIONS

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REGULAR ITEMS

1. Recommend the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for the City Council Approval (ACT)
2. Approve the Minutes of March 25, 2026 (ACT)
3. Housing Authority of the City of Needles Update (INF)

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

[City](#) Manager's Report for the weeks of May 8 and 15, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: May 22, 2026

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I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the front entrance of City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2026

/s/ Candace Clark, CPMC, CMC, City Clerk



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL HOUSING COMMISSION

Regular Special

Meeting Date: May 27, 2026

Title: Housing Authority of the City of Needles Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget

Background: The proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Housing Authority Budget was developed through a collaborative review process involving Housing Authority staff, the Finance Department, and executive management. The budget reflects anticipated revenues and expenditures associated with public housing operations, Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) programs, and Capital Fund Program activities. Budget projections are based on current HUD funding allocations, historical operating trends, anticipated maintenance requirements, personnel costs, and known contractual obligations.

Attached for review is the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget, including a budget summary and comparative financial information consisting of Fiscal Year 2025-26 revised budget figures, Fiscal Year 2024-25 actual results, and Fiscal Year 2023-24 actual results. The proposed budget is intended to maintain existing housing services while supporting planned operational and capital improvement activities during Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Attached Exhibit: Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Summary and Prior-Year Comparative Financial Information.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Housing Authority Budget provides appropriations and anticipated revenues necessary to support Housing Authority operations, Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) activities, and Capital Fund Program projects. Detailed revenue and expenditure information is provided in the attached budget summaries.

Recommendation: Approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Housing Authority Budget and recommend City Council adoption for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Submitted By: Mark C. DeMay, HACN Finance Director

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/22/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

CITY OF NEEDLES					
Housing Authority of the City of Needles					
FY 2026 / 2027					
			FY 2026	FY 2027	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	Revised	Requested	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	
Operations					
Revenues	\$ 763,494	\$ 876,416	\$ 896,550	\$ 881,682	Decrease HUD / SEC 8 HUD SUBSIDY DEPOSIT
Expenditures	\$ 852,439	\$ 1,092,607	\$ 1,104,623	\$ 1,118,565	Increase Salaries and Legal Fees
Capital Improvements Plan					
Revenues	\$ 376,334	\$ 352,228	\$ 169,500	\$ 174,000	Increase per HUD Capital Funding
Expenditures	\$ 19,228	\$ -	\$ 331,568	\$ 174,000	Increase per HUD Capital Funding
			Projected		
			Projected	NET	Ending Fund Balance
			Fund Balance	CHANGE	06/30/27
			06/30/26		
			\$ 628,733	\$ (236,883)	\$ 391,850



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026, AT 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL – Vice Chair Tucker announced the excused absence of Chair Mauer

PRESENT

Commissioner Patrick McCaffrey

Commissioner Deana Tucker

Commissioner Kissell

ABSENT

Chair Mauer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Vice Chair Tucker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kissell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCaffrey, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Kissell
Noes: None
Absent: Chair Mauer
Abstain: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – None (Council Member Pogue arrived after introductions, at 4:03 pm)

PUBLIC APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Adopt Resolution 03-25-2026-HC of the Needles Housing Authority recommending approval and adoption of the Annual Agency Plan 2026-2027, Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) updates to the Administrative Plan and Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP), as well as Public Housing Lease Agreement for the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN)

Housing Manager Deerner gave staff report

Commission asked minimal questions of staff

Chair Tucker opened the public hearing at 4:21 pm

No Public Comment

Chair Tucker closed the public hearing at 4:21 pm

Commissioner Kissell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCaffrey, to adopt Resolution 03-25-2026-HC of the Needles Housing Authority recommending approval and adoption of the Annual Agency Plan 2026-2027, Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) updates to the Administrative Plan and Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP), as well as Public Housing Lease Agreement for the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN)

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Kissell
Noes: None
Absent: Chair Mauer
Abstain: None

REGULAR ITEMS

- 2. Approve the Minutes of October 22, 2025

Commissioner Kissell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCaffrey, to approve the minutes of October 22, 2025.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

- Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Kissell
- Noes: None
- Absent: Chair Mauer
- Abstain: None

- 3. Housing Authority City of Needles Update - given by Housing Manager Angelica Deermer

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS – None

CITY MANAGER REPORT - given by City Manager Martinez for the weeks of March 6 and 13, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Mauer adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm

Vice Chair Deana Tucker

City Clerk Candace Clark



City of Needles, California

Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL HOUSING COMMISSION

Regular Special

Meeting Date: May 27, 2026

Title: Housing Authority of the City of Needles Update

Background: The following report provides an update on Housing Authority operations, occupancy levels, waiting lists, voucher utilization, and ongoing HUD recovery efforts.

Public Housing Vacancies and Transfers:

- Current Vacancies: 3 out of 52 units.
- Families Awaiting Transfers: 1
- Families Selected for Consideration from Waiting List: 2

Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV):

- Open and Pending Eligibility: 0 out of 23 allocated vouchers.
- Leased Up: 25
- Issued: 0
- Open: 0

Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers:

- Open and Pending Eligibility: 10 out of 30 allocated vouchers.
- Referrals Received from VA Loma Linda: 2
- Leased Up: 16
- Issued: 2

Public Housing Waiting List:

- Applicants on the waiting list: 55
- Always open for applications.
- Allows the public to submit applications for future selection and consideration.

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Waiting List:

- Applicants on the waiting list: 38
- Opened July 1, 2024 – **CLOSED** July 31, 2024
- Public submitted applications for future selection and consideration.

HUD PHAS Recovery Plan Update:

- On April 29, 2026, the Housing Authority received notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that the Authority had been designated Troubled/Capital Fund Troubled under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS).
- HUD reported an overall PHAS score of 53 out of 100, consisting of Financial (25/25), Physical (22/40), Management (6/25), and Capital Fund (0/10) indicators.
- Staff met with HUD representatives, reviewed the assessment findings, and prepared a Recovery Plan and Corrective Action Plan addressing physical inspection deficiencies, occupancy management, Capital Fund compliance, procurement oversight, staff training, and ongoing performance monitoring.
- The Recovery Plan was submitted to HUD on May 22, 2026.

- Staff will continue working collaboratively with HUD and provide periodic updates to the Housing Commission regarding implementation of the Recovery Plan and future PHAS assessment results.

Attached Exhibits: Exhibit A: May 2026 Housing Authority Statistics
Exhibit B: HUD Troubled Designation Letter dated April 29, 2026
Exhibit C: Recovery Plan and Corrective Action Plan dated May 22, 2026

Fiscal Impact: NONE

Recommended Action: Informational Only

Submitted By: Angelica Deermer, HACN Housing Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/22/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

HACN PUBLIC HOUSING / VOUCHER STATISTICS

MAY 2026

<i>Public Housing = 52 units, 3 current vacancies</i>	
<u>104- Vacated 6/10/2024*</u>	<u>Current PH family awaiting transfer</u>
<u>212- Vacated 3/14/2025*</u>	<u>Waitlist admission</u>
<u>213- Vacated 2/18/2026*</u>	<u>Waitlist admission- scheduled 6/1/26</u>
<i>*Units are under modification due to extensive repair/renovation</i>	

PH Unit Turn Over Total = 25

Units to be transferred

905 → 104

HUD allocated HACN HCV Vouchers = 23

HCV Vouchers leased up = 25*

HCV Vouchers issued = 0

HCV Vouchers open = 0

Port in Vouchers Issued = 0

**Port in Vouchers Leased=2*

***Port out Vouchers=3*

HUD Allocated VASH Vouchers =30

VASH Vouchers leased up = 16*

*VASH Port out Vouchers=1

VASH Vouchers issued = 2

VASH vouchers open = 10

VASH Referrals = 2

Current Waitlist Applicants

Public Housing: 55	HCV: 38
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC HOUSING

April 29, 2026

Board of Commissioners
c/o Ms. Janet Jernigan, Board Chairperson
Housing Authority of the City of Needles
908 Sycamore Drive
Needles, CA 92363

Dear Commissioners:

On March 30, 2026, the Needles Housing Authority was designated Troubled/ Capital Fund Troubled by HUD based on a failing Public Housing Assessment System audited financial score of 25 (of 25), physical score of 22 (of 40), management score of 6 (of 25), and Capital Fund score of 0 (of 10), and an overall score of 53 (of 100) for the fiscal year ending 06/30/2024, as shown in the enclosed PHAS Score Report.

PHA Recovery Plan Due Within 30 Days

It is critical that the Agency assesses its current situation to determine if recovery is feasible or if alternative options for affordable housing should be considered. The Board of Commissioners/Governing Body of the Needles Housing Authority should take immediate action to identify the source(s) of the performance deficiencies and develop and implement a plan to determine if an acceptable PHAS score can be achieved and sustained or to identify other uses for the housing subsidies. Included below is a list of actions offered as common suggestions to the Board to use in self-diagnosing the source(s) of its deficiencies and identifying solutions to recover its performance for long-term sustainability. **Please provide our office with a proposed recovery plan within 30 days of receipt of this letter.** Your plan will be reviewed by a Recovery Team of subject matter experts to determine further assistance to be provided by HUD and actions to be taken.

Recovery Agreement and Score Improvement Requirements

Please be advised that HUD is initiating actions to develop and execute a binding Recovery Agreement with the Needles Housing Authority as required by federal statute, to document and ensure that recovery efforts have been put in place and the Agency achieves and sustains acceptable performance or identifies other opportunities for affordable housing. If HUD's assessment determines that Public Housing can be sustained and improved, the Recovery Agreement will include recovery benchmarks in accordance with statutory requirements, implemented by regulations found at 24 CFR 902.75(d). **Specifically, the Needles Housing Authority must meet two sequential benchmarks after being designated Troubled:** 1) a 50% recovery of the Troubled PHAS score on the first released PHAS assessment that is at least 12 months after the Troubled designation – that is to say, a minimum PHAS score for that period of

26 and 60 and 2) a full recovery to a PHAS score of 60 or higher on the next sequential fiscal year PHAS assessment.

Noncompliance and Substantial Default

Please also be advised that a failure by the Needles Housing Authority to comply with HUD requirements, its Recovery Agreement and/or its Annual Contributions Contract under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, may result in the referral of your agency to HUD's Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing for a declaration of substantial default. If Needles Housing Authority is determined to be in substantial default under section 6(j)(3)(A) of the Act and 24 CFR 907, HUD may seek any available remedy, including any one or several of the following actions consistent with the Act and its implementing regulations:

- Solicit competitive proposals from other PHAs and private housing management agents to manage all or part of Needles Housing Authority public housing program and project(s);
- Petition for the appointment of a judicial receiver for Needles Housing Authority
- Solicit competitive proposals from other PHAs and private entities with experience in construction management to oversee implementation of Needles Housing Authority public housing Capital Fund;
- Take possession of all or part of Needles Housing Authority, including all or part of its public housing program and project(s);
- Require Needles Housing Authority to make any other arrangements acceptable to HUD, in its full discretion, for managing all or part of the public housing program and project(s).

Common Suggestions for PHA's Recovery Plan:

Physical

When a public housing agency becomes physically substandard, it typically has either: (1) failed to prioritize capital funding; or (2) failed to correct deficiencies identified in previous REAC inspections reports.

Capital Funding

- Evaluate current contracts for priority and necessity in relationship to needed capital funding.
- Account for the amount of capital funds received and purchases made to date.
- Verify that capital funds are not being used for non-capital purposes.
- Evaluate the most recent physical needs assessment or conduct a new one.
- Evaluate the use of resources for underfunded maintenance and modernization needs rather than for development.

Physical Inspection Deficiencies

- Verify that required annual inspections by the public housing agency are being conducted and that generated work orders are being completed timely.
- Evaluate maintenance staffing levels, skill levels, and performance as well as how maintenance staff are deployed.
- Evaluate the maintenance plan as well as the planning efforts for REAC inspections.
- Evaluate the use of previous REAC inspection reports for capital fund and maintenance planning.
 - Verify whether health and safety deficiencies, which are cause for heavily weighted point deductions, are being targeted for immediate repairs. (These include tripping hazards, sharp edges, blocked exits, mold and mildew, exposed electrical wiring, fire hazards, improper storage of flammable or volatile materials, and pest infestations.)
 - Verify whether critical and severe deficiencies, which are cause for a magnitude of point deductions for each inspectable area, are being targeted for repairs. (These include site issues such as fences, grounds, mailboxes, graffiti/litter, parking lots, driveways, roads, walkways and steps, play areas, refuse disposal areas, and storm drains; and building systems issues such as sanitary systems, domestic water systems, elevators, HVAC systems, sprinkler systems for fire protection, emergency power records and auxiliary lighting, and electrical systems.)
 - Verify whether the most common and frequent deficiencies are being repaired sufficiently. (These include damaged interior and exterior walls, roof components, common area hallways and stairways, utility closets/rooms, kitchen appliances, window screens and locks, door surfaces and hardware/locks, and peeling paint.)
- Consider contracting maintenance of Public Housing to another entity or public housing agency.
- Consider a repositioning strategy for the agency's assets if conversion to the Section 8 platform would allow for improved management of the properties.

Management

Generally, when a public housing agency becomes management substandard, it has failed to maintain an acceptable occupancy level in its developments.

- Evaluate waiting list, tenant selection, and initial certification processes to ensure coordination with property managers and timely preparation for move-ins.
- Assess existing new tenant intake policies and practices and consider implementing those

that would contribute to quicker lease up, such as starting the certification process earlier or limiting the number of unit-offer turn-downs for new tenants.

- Assess existing continued occupancy policies and practices and consider implementing those that would reduce the frequency of move-outs, such as educating tenants on lease enforcement and how to be good renters or limiting transfers for existing tenants.
- Assess the impact of current operating protocols for late rent payments as well as timely payments to vendors.
- Evaluate the turn-around time of vacant units for occupancy, including the time it takes maintenance to make-ready units and the time it takes property managers to lease up units.
- Assess the feasibility and desirability of under-occupied developments, e.g. physical condition and configuration, rehabilitation costs and lifespan, neighborhood factors such as crime and proximity to employment, transportation, and services, etc., and consider repositioning options if appropriate.
- Ensure that units taken offline for modernization, special use, or other allowed reasons have been approved by HUD, do not exceed their permissible time limitation and are correctly classified in HUD systems.
- Consider contracting property management of Public Housing to another entity or public housing agency.

Capital Fund

A designation of Troubled based on Capital Funds results from failure of the public housing agency to obligate its Capital Funds timely.

- Evaluate management/staff performance, timeliness, and effectiveness in procurement and contracting functions, e.g., preparing solicitations, evaluating bids, entering obligation information into HUD systems, and maintaining documentation.
- Evaluate management/staff ability to prepare award recommendations for Board review and approval.
- Confirm that the Board receives and approves contract awards timely and in advance of obligation deadlines.
- Verify that staff are correctly identified in and have access to HUD systems.

If you have any questions or need assistance in developing your recovery plan, please contact Mayfelisa Miso at mayfelisa.miso@hud.gov or Twan Quach at twan.quach@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

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Department of Housing and
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Meena Bavan
Director
Office of Public Housing

Enclosure

cc:

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May 22, 2026

Via Email

Ms. Meena Bavan
Director
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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Via Email (Meena.S.Bavan@hud.gov)

Re: Housing Authority of the City of Needles – PHAS Recovery Plan Response

Dear Ms. Bavan:

Thank you for your April 29, 2026 correspondence regarding the Housing Authority of the City of Needles's designation as Troubled and Capital Fund Troubled under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). The Housing Authority appreciates the guidance and technical assistance provided by HUD staff and respectfully submits this Recovery Plan response together with the attached **Exhibit A – PHAS Recovery Action Plan**.

The Housing Authority has carefully reviewed the PHAS assessment results, including the Physical Assessment score of 22, Management Assessment score of 6, Capital Fund score of 0, and overall PHAS score of 53. Following receipt of HUD's determination, Housing Authority staff met with HUD representatives, reviewed the assessment findings, and developed a comprehensive strategy to improve performance and achieve sustained compliance with HUD requirements.

Physical Assessment (PASS)

The Housing Authority conducted a comprehensive review of NSPIRE Inspection INSP-21523 and all cited deficiencies. The inspection identified deficiencies primarily involving smoke alarm placement, carbon monoxide detector testing, electrical components, appliance repairs, plumbing deficiencies, damaged doors and windows, water heater discharge piping, and resident-created obstructions affecting emergency egress.

All deficiencies identified during the inspection have been corrected. Corrective measures included installation of required smoke alarms, replacement and testing of carbon monoxide detectors, correction of electrical hazards, repair of plumbing leaks, repair or replacement of damaged appliances, correction of window and door

deficiencies, repair of water heater discharge piping, and correction of all life-threatening and severe deficiencies identified during the inspection.

To ensure long-term compliance, the Housing Authority has implemented biannual unit inspections, annual NSPIRE-style inspections, preventive maintenance schedules, work-order tracking procedures, tenant maintenance request forms, staff training, and resident education initiatives focused on housekeeping standards, maintenance reporting, smoke detector awareness, and maintaining unobstructed emergency exits. These measures are intended to ensure year-round compliance rather than inspection-driven preparation and are consistent with HUD's recommendations regarding planning, maintenance, and staff training.

Management Assessment (MASS)

The Housing Authority recognizes that occupancy levels and unit turnaround performance during the assessment period contributed to the Management Assessment score. A significant factor affecting occupancy was the Housing Authority's ongoing effort to rehabilitate and modernize aging public housing units. During the assessment period, HACN submitted requests to HUD to designate multiple public housing units as **Vacant – Undergoing Modernization** due to substantial rehabilitation needs, including replacement of flooring, cabinetry, appliances, plumbing components, lighting, smoke detectors, drywall repairs, painting, and other improvements necessary to return the units to service.

The Housing Authority also experienced vacancy activity associated with transferring existing residents into units better suited to household composition and family needs. As modernization projects progressed, some vacancies remained in transition while units were rehabilitated and prepared for occupancy.

As of May 2026, HACN operates 52 public housing units, with only three units currently vacant. This reflects an occupancy rate of approximately 94 percent, demonstrating substantial improvement from the assessment period. All three vacant units are undergoing extensive rehabilitation and modernization. One family is currently awaiting transfer into an available unit and additional applicants have been identified from the Housing Authority's waiting list for occupancy consideration as units become available. HACN currently maintains an active public housing waiting list of 55 applicants, demonstrating continued demand for public housing assistance within the community.

Since the assessment period, the Housing Authority has implemented significant operational improvements, including appointment of a dedicated Housing Manager, adoption of updated Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policies (ACOP), adoption of an updated Administrative Plan, implementation of updated lease documents incorporating HOTMA requirements, enhanced vacancy tracking procedures, improved eligibility verification processes, routine occupancy monitoring, and periodic compliance reviews. The Housing Authority anticipates measurable improvement in occupancy performance and future Management Assessment scores as modernization activities are completed and rehabilitated units are returned to productive use.

Capital Fund Program

The Housing Authority acknowledges the Capital Fund Troubled designation resulting from untimely obligation requirements. The Housing Authority's review determined that personnel transitions, limited staffing resources, turnover in key administrative and financial positions, and insufficient tracking of Capital Fund obligation deadlines contributed to deficiencies in grant monitoring, procurement tracking, and Capital Fund administration.

Since that time, the Housing Authority has reviewed Capital Fund Program requirements with HUD staff and implemented corrective measures to strengthen compliance. Corrective actions include review of all open Capital Fund grants and obligation deadlines, establishment of internal tracking procedures for obligations and expenditures, enhanced procurement planning and contract administration procedures, monthly monitoring of Capital Fund deadlines and eLOCCS reporting requirements, increased coordination among Housing staff, Finance staff, and executive management, and expanded staff training regarding HUD grant administration and compliance requirements.

The Housing Authority has also strengthened management oversight to ensure contract awards, procurement actions, obligation deadlines, and reporting requirements are reviewed and monitored on a regular basis. These measures are intended to ensure timely obligation and expenditure of Capital Fund resources and prevent future scoring deficiencies.

Conclusion

The Housing Authority of the City of Needles remains fully committed to providing safe, decent, and affordable housing while improving organizational performance and compliance. The Housing Authority currently maintains occupancy of approximately 94 percent of its public housing inventory, with the remaining vacant units undergoing modernization and rehabilitation activities and qualified applicants available on the waiting list for future occupancy.

The corrective actions already completed, combined with the ongoing monitoring and management practices outlined in the attached Recovery Action Plan, position the Housing Authority to achieve substantial improvement in future PHAS assessments and meet HUD's recovery benchmarks. The Housing Authority appreciates HUD's continued partnership, technical assistance, and support and looks forward to working collaboratively toward successful recovery and long-term program sustainability. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Martinez

Executive Director

Housing Authority of the City of Needles

Attachment: Exhibit A – PHAS Recovery Action Plan

EXHIBIT A

PHAS Recovery Action Plan Physical Assessment (PASS)

Item	Response
Deficiency	Physical Assessment Score: 22/40
Cause	Deferred maintenance, health and safety deficiencies, and lack of routine NSPIRE-style inspections
Corrective Action Completed	All deficiencies identified in NSPIRE Inspection INSP-21523 have been corrected
Ongoing Actions	Biannual inspections, annual NSPIRE inspections, preventive maintenance schedules, resident education, staff training
Performance Measure	100% completion of unit inspections and timely correction of health and safety deficiencies
Responsible Party	Housing Manager
Target Date	Ongoing

Management Assessment (MASS)

Item	Response
Deficiency	Management Assessment Score: 6/25
Cause	Units undergoing modernization, temporary vacancy cycles caused by rehabilitation projects and transfers, staffing transitions
Corrective Action Completed	Updated ACOP, Administrative Plan, lease documents, vacancy tracking, occupancy monitoring
Ongoing Actions	Lease rehabilitated units promptly, monitor occupancy monthly, quarterly file reviews, waiting list management
Performance Measure	Maintain occupancy above 95%; reduce vacancy turnaround time; maintain active waiting list utilization
Responsible Party	Housing Manager
Target Date	Ongoing

Capital Fund Program

Item	Response
Deficiency	Capital Fund Score: 0/10
Cause	Untimely obligation of Capital Fund resources resulting from staffing transitions and insufficient deadline tracking
Corrective Action Completed	Established obligation tracking procedures, reviewed grants, enhanced procurement monitoring
Ongoing Actions	Monthly review of obligation deadlines, eLOCCS monitoring, contract tracking, staff training
Performance Measure	Timely obligation and expenditure of all Capital Fund grants
Responsible Parties	Housing Manager, Finance Director, Executive Director
Target Date	Ongoing

Recovery Monitoring

The Executive Director, Housing Manager, and Finance Director shall review implementation of this Recovery Plan on a monthly basis. Progress shall be reported periodically to the Board of Commissioners, and corrective actions shall be updated as necessary to ensure continued compliance with HUD requirements and achievement of PHAS recovery benchmarks established by HUD.

Recovery Commitment

The Housing Authority of the City of Needles is committed to restoring and maintaining compliance with HUD requirements, improving PHAS performance, maintaining safe and sanitary housing conditions, maximizing occupancy, and ensuring timely administration of Capital Fund resources. The Housing Authority believes the corrective actions already completed, together with the ongoing actions identified herein, provide a clear path toward achieving and sustaining a passing PHAS score.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 2026

- 1. Palo Verde College Graduation Ceremony in Needles:** Staff is pleased to share that Palo Verde College will host its 2026 Graduation Ceremony at the Needles Educational Center on **Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 3:00 PM**. Earlier this year, the City Council strongly advocated for retaining the graduation ceremony in Needles following concerns regarding possible consolidation at the Blythe campus. The Council emphasized the importance of preserving this longstanding tradition locally for Needles students and families while ensuring equitable access to educational recognition within the community. Staff would like to thank the City Council for its leadership and unified support, as well as Palo Verde College leadership for working collaboratively with the community to help make this possible. The continued hosting of the ceremony in Needles is a positive outcome for the community and an important opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 close to home.
- 2. NIAA State Tournament Hosting & Facility Improvements:** The City of Needles, in partnership with the Needles Unified School District, will host the 2026 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Class 2A State Softball Championship at Nikki Bunch Field and the Class 2A State Baseball Championship at Needles High School from **May 14–16, 2026**. Needles High School Boys Baseball and Girls Softball are both currently competing in the 2A Southern League Championship Tournament, with state tournament seeding to be determined following championship play this weekend. The City wishes both Mustang programs the best of luck as they continue representing the Needles community throughout postseason competition. In preparation for the upcoming tournament activities, City Public Works crews completed repainting and improvement work at the Nikki Bunch softball facility and surrounding areas to enhance the appearance of the complex ahead of the event. Hosting regional and state athletic events continues supporting youth athletics, community pride, and sports tourism within Needles.
- 3. Colorado River Short-Term Operations Plan (2026–2028):** The Lower Basin states of Arizona, California, and Nevada have advanced a joint short-term proposal aimed at stabilizing the Colorado River system through 2028 in response to ongoing drought conditions and declining reservoir levels. The plan

includes voluntary water conservation measures, operational adjustments, and reductions intended to help protect critical elevations at Lake Mead and Lake Powell while longer-term operating agreements are developed. The proposal also preserves existing protections under the “Law of the River,” with participating states reserving their legal and water rights positions. California’s senior water rights position continues to provide near-term protection for municipal users such as the City of Needles; however, staff will continue monitoring future negotiations that could impact conservation requirements, allocation structures, and overall system reliability. The City remains committed to proactive water management, infrastructure investment, and long-term resiliency planning to help ensure reliable water service for the community.

4. **SCAG Regional Conference & Senator Padilla Town Hall:** This week, Mayor Jernigan and City Manager Patrick Martinez participated in the 2026 Southern California Association of Governments Regional Conference and General Assembly in Palm Desert, the region’s largest gathering of elected officials, public agencies, and industry leaders. The conference emphasized regional collaboration and strategic coordination on issues including housing affordability, infrastructure investment, economic resiliency, mega-events, and the emerging role of artificial intelligence in government. While attending the conference, City representatives also participated in California State Senator Steve Padilla’s Coachella Valley Community Town Hall, providing an additional opportunity to engage directly on issues impacting communities throughout Senate District 18. Participation in events such as SCAG and Senator Padilla’s Town Hall continues to strengthen regional partnerships and supports the City Council’s goals related to infrastructure, economic development, and long-term community resiliency.
5. **State Recognition for Lucky Dhaba:** This week, staff from the office of Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez visited Needles to present a proclamation recognizing the opening of Lucky Dhaba and the investment made by Arjun Gossian and his family along the City’s west side corridor. The restaurant officially opened on **April 26, 2026**, reactivating a site that had remained vacant since COVID and bringing new investment to a key gateway corridor along Interstate 40. The City appreciates Assemblymember Gonzalez’s continued support of the Needles community and thanks Jacinto Delgado IV for traveling to Needles to present the proclamation. Investments such as Lucky Dhaba continue contributing to economic activity, corridor revitalization, and the ongoing momentum occurring throughout the community.
6. **Flip Mendez Golf Tournament & Sports Tourism Update:** This past weekend, the City of Needles hosted the 27th Annual Flip Mendez Youth Fundraiser Golf Tournament at Rivers Edge Golf Course and the Colorado River Conference Middle School Softball Tournament. The sold-out Flip Mendez Tournament welcomed 162 golfers and continued raising scholarship funding and support for local youth athletics and recreation programs. The City thanks the Flip Mendez Youth Fund, sponsors, volunteers, organizers, and JJ DeLeon, Director of Golf at Rivers Edge Golf Course, for their continued support of youth programs within the Needles community. The Middle School Softball Tournament also brought visiting teams, families, and spectators into the community, supporting local businesses and reinforcing Needles’ growing role

as a regional destination for sports tourism and youth athletics. The City also recognizes Animal Control Officer Tony Rubalcaba, who serves as head coach of the Needles Middle School girls softball team, for his continued involvement and support of local youth athletics.

7. **Colorado River Marine Enforcement Ride-Along:** This week, Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell and Councilmembers JoAnne Pogue and Henry Longbrake participated in a ride-along with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Colorado River Station Marine Enforcement Unit at the Jack Smith Boat Launch. The ride-along provided City leadership with firsthand insight into marine patrol operations, boater safety enforcement, emergency response coordination, and the ongoing efforts to keep the Colorado River safe during the busy summer season. With hundreds of thousands of annual visitors utilizing the river corridor each year, continued collaboration between local government and law enforcement remains critical to protecting residents, visitors, and recreational users throughout the region. Staff would also like to thank Captain Gault for his leadership and continued partnership in supporting public safety efforts along the Colorado River.
8. **Run for the Wall (RFTW) Needles – Final Event Reminder:** The annual Run for the Wall procession will arrive in Needles on **May 13, 2026**, with riders expected at approximately **12:35 p.m.** Activities will take place at El Garces and Santa Fe Park along Historic Route 66 as the community welcomes Veterans and riders participating in the national tribute ride honoring POW/MIA awareness. Residents are encouraged to attend and support this long-standing tradition recognizing those who served our country. The event continues to draw regional participation and supports community engagement, Veteran recognition, and tourism activity within Needles.
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Staff continues supporting outreach efforts through community engagement and public notifications to help encourage attendance and participation. This effort supports Council priorities related to community well-being and access to services.

11. **Caltrans I-40 Pavement Rehabilitation Project Update:** California Department of Transportation has advised that pavement resurfacing activities on the Interstate 40 rehabilitation project between Fox Wash overflow and the L Street undercrossing have now been completed. This week, crews will transition to vegetation control operations along roadway shoulder areas as work continues on the project. Staff will continue coordinating with Caltrans and sharing updates with the community as needed.
12. **Rivers Edge Golf Course Summer Golf Camp:** Rivers Edge Golf Course will host its annual Summer Golf Camp beginning **June 10, 2026**, continuing a youth program that provides structured golf instruction and skill development opportunities for local participants. Led by JJ DeLeon, Director of Golf, the eight-week camp serves youth ages 5–17 and focuses on improving golf fundamentals, teamwork, physical fitness, technique, and overall gameplay. Beyond golf instruction, the program helps encourage discipline, confidence, and active youth engagement through organized recreational activities. The Summer Golf Camp continues supporting youth recreation opportunities within the community. Registration is currently open through Rivers Edge Golf Course.
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1. PALO VERDE GRADUATION

PALO VERDE COLLEGE
Needles Educational Center



GRADUATION
Ceremony

THURSDAY, June 4, 2026
3:00 PM

Needles Educational Center

725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 760.326.5033

2. BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

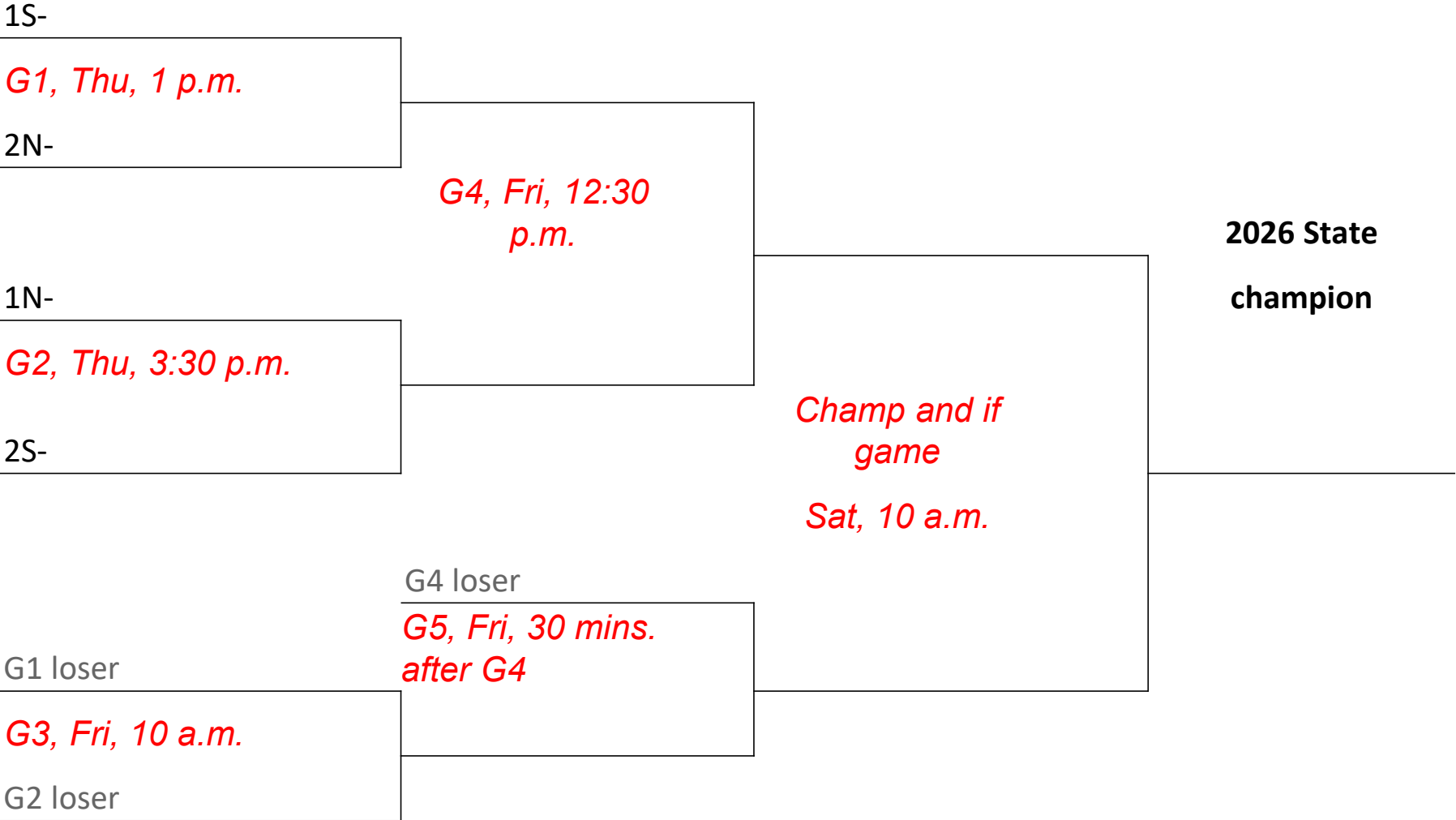
2026 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association

Class 2A State Baseball Playoffs

Presented by Ice Shaker

(May 14-16, 2026)

at Needles High School



2. SOFTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

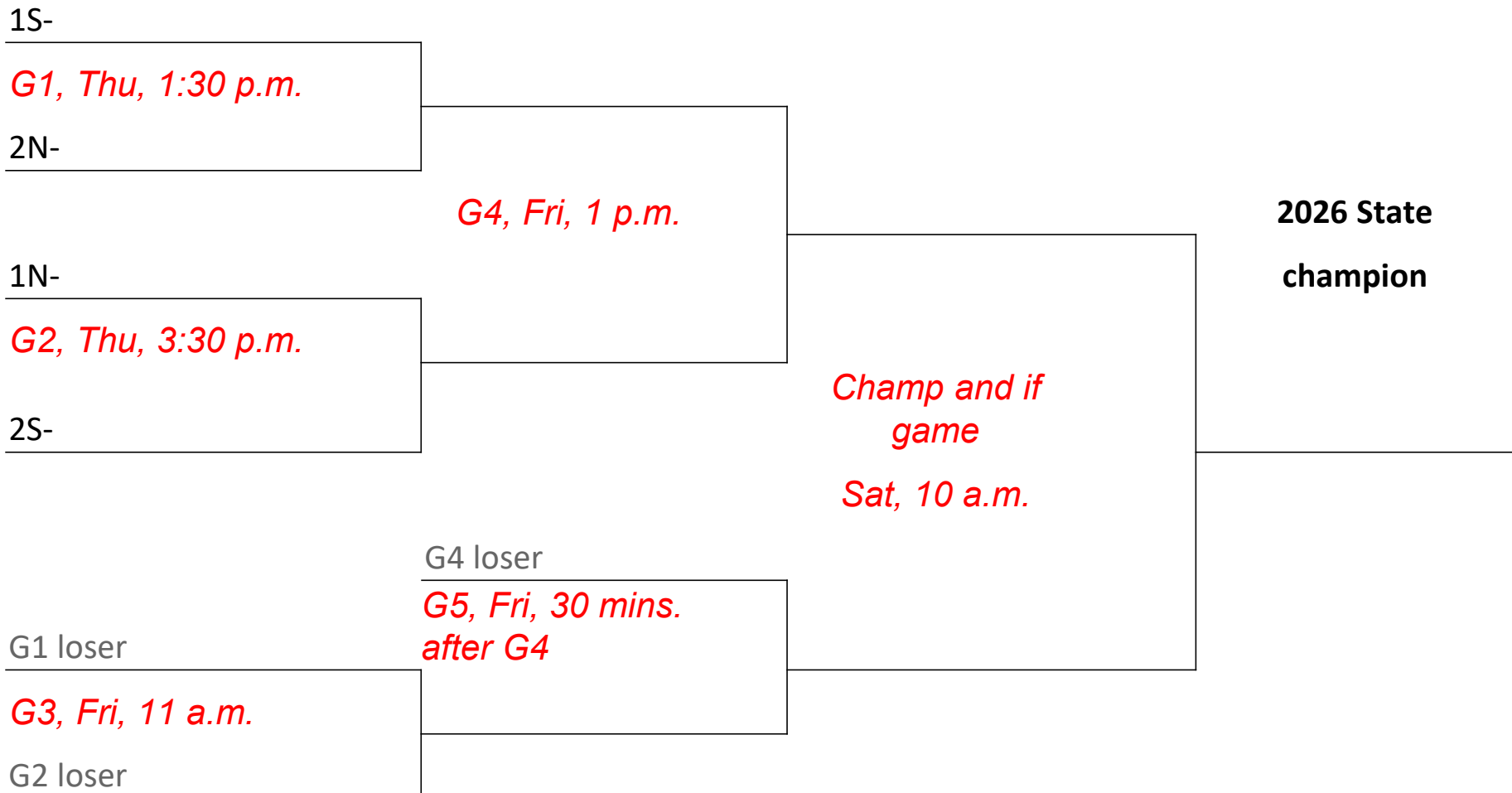
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2. STATE TOURNAMENT PREP



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3. SHORT TERM PROPOSAL

May 1, 2026

LOWER DIVISION STATES' PROPOSAL

Short-Term Operations of the Colorado River (2026-2028)



OVERVIEW

The Lower Division States have proposed a voluntary framework for short-term Colorado River operations through the end of 2028. The proposal includes at least **3.2 MAF** of savings, consisting of **1.25 MAF** annual reductions in 2027 and 2028 and an additional **700 KAF** of conservation, along with operational tools and commitments to protect the system and reduce litigation risk.



LOWER BASIN REDUCTIONS (2027-2028)

	ARIZONA	760 KAFY
	CALIFORNIA	440 KAFY
	NEVADA	50 KAFY



ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION

Minimum	Target
700 KAF	1.0 MAF



TRIBAL POOL

- Approx. 280 KAF through 2028
- Primarily a federal responsibility
- Intended to support Tribal water commitments in Arizona



LAKE POWELL RELEASE FRAMEWORK



WATER YEAR 2026

- Expected release: **6.0 MAF**
- Additional releases possible if Powell projected above **3,530'**



BEGINNING WATER YEAR 2027

- **8.0 MAF** release if Powell $\geq 3,540'$
- **7.0 MAF** release if Powell $< 3,540'$
- Releases may be adjusted to protect Powell from falling below **3,500'**



IMPROVED HYDROLOGY

- Releases may increase to **8.23 MAF** or greater
- Applies if Powell projected above **3,565'**



UIU OPERATIONS

- Releases above baseline begin in 2027
- Minimum **600 KAF** above baseline if Powell projected below **3,515'** in minimum projection
- UIU releases treated as system water



ICS WITHDRAWAL LIMITS

(Use of ICS for Delivery and to Offset Reductions)

LAKE MEAD ELEVATION January 1, Year N (feet MSL)	MAXIMUM WITHDRAWAL OF ICS IN YEAR N (KAF)		
	CA	AZ	NV
Above 1025'	400	200	50
1025' - 1010'	267	100	50
1010' - 1000'	133	33	33
Below 1000'	0	0	0



IMPLEMENTATION TERM

Covers Calendar Years 2026-2028



VOLUNTARY & NON-PRECEDENTIAL

Does not waive, relinquish, or modify any party's rights under the Law of the River.



KAF = Thousand Acre-Feet
MAF = Million Acre-Feet

4. SENATOR PADILLA TOWN HALL



4. MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT



5. LUCKY DHABA STATE RECOGNITION



6. FLIP MENDEZ GOLF TOURNAMENT



7. SBCSD RIDE ALONG



8. RUN FOR THE WALL



RUN FOR THE WALL

MAY 13, 2026

**EL GARCES AND SANTA FE PARK
ON ROUTE 66 IN NEEDLES, CA**

**HOSTED BY THE CITY OF NEEDLES
AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**DONATIONS FOR FOOD ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT
DECO FOODSERVICES AT 700 W BROADWAY IN NEEDLES.**

**RIDERS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT 12:35 PM
AND LOCAL VETERANS AND RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO WELCOME THE RIDERS INTO TOWN.**

For more information, call 760-333-5255



9. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MEMORIAL DAY ★ CEREMONY ★

Join us as we come together as a community to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

 **Needles Riverview Cemetery, Needles, CA**



**May 25, 2026
11:00 AM**

This special program will include a heartfelt tribute to our fallen heroes, patriotic observances, and a time of remembrance.

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
Let us stand together in gratitude and reflection. ★

 *We remember. We honor. We never forget.* 

9. MEMORIAL DAY PREPARATION



10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PUBLIC MEETING

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SERVICES ACT



Behavioral Health

COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING CITY OF NEEDLES

Learn about the transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), explore San Bernardino County Behavioral Health programs and resources available to the Needles community, and most importantly, share your voice and be part of the conversation.

Tuesday, May 19
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Needles Council Chambers
1111 Bailey Ave., Needles

MHSA
IS NOW
BHSA

If you speak another language, language assistance services are available to you free of charge by dialing (888) 743-1478. TTY users dial 711. DBH complies with applicable federal, civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, disability, or LEP.

11. I-40 PAVEMENT REPAIR UPDATE

State of California • Department of Transportation

News Release



Date: April 7, 2026
District: [08-1M040](#)
Contact: [Jas Hampal](#)
Phone: 909-553-6837

For Immediate Release

Interstate 40 Pavement Repairs Needles April – May 2026

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) crews continue the pavement improvement project on Interstate 40 (I-40) near Needles, between Fox Wash overflow and L Street undercrossing. The \$6.9 million project is funded through Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Work will include:

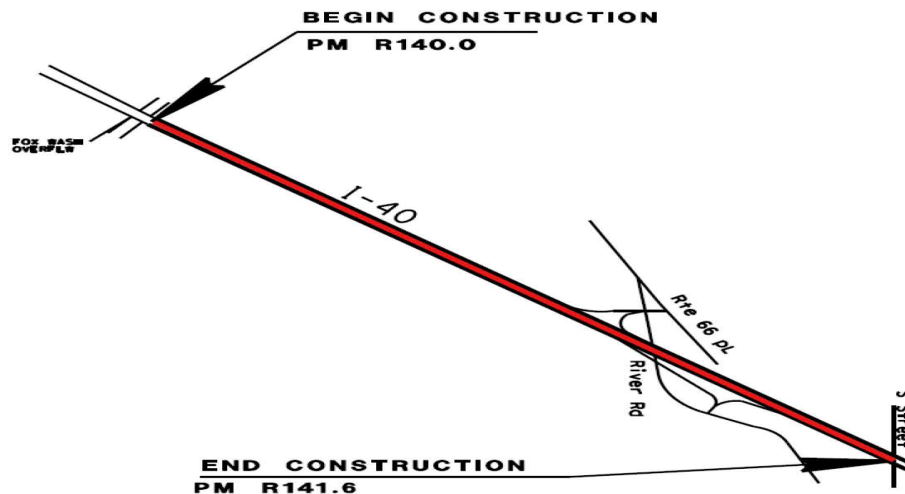
- Pavement resurfacing using cold plane asphalt concrete (AC) and rubberized hot mix asphalt (RHMA).
- Vegetation control
- Guardrail installation
- Safety improvements include grinding and replacing pavement, and barrier work.

The goal of this project is to extend pavement life, improve ride quality, and enhance safety for motorists.

Work Schedule:

Motorists can expect daytime work, **Monday through Friday, between 8 am to 4 pm.**

What to Expect:



BE WORK ZONE ALERT




12. SUMMER GOLF CAMP

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RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE



**JJ DeLeon, Golf
Instructor**

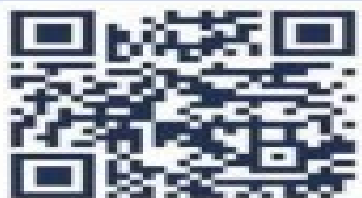


**Ages 5-11 from 7-8:00am
Ages 12-17 from 8-9:00am**



Excels at All Ages

**Begins June 10th 2026
8 Week Camp - \$60**



jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com | 760.326.3931
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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2026

- 1. Enhancing Community Communication Through Needles Connect:** The City continues encouraging residents to utilize the Needles Connect app to communicate directly with City staff and report concerns in just a few clicks. Residents can report potholes, sidewalk damage, overgrown vegetation, streetlight outages, vandalism, public nuisances, utility outages, utility billing concerns, cannabis odor complaints, and other community issues directly through the app. Needles Connect also provides access to City updates, agendas, notifications, and important community information, helping improve responsiveness and customer service throughout the community. Together, we're building a better Needles. Residents may also report concerns by calling 760-326-2115 (press #9). The Needles Connect app is available for download on both the [Google Play Store](#) and [Apple App Store](#).
- 2. Historic Route 66 Sign Installation Completed:** Caltrans District 8 has completed installation of the Historic Route 66 signs within the City of Needles as of **May 9, 2026**. The installation represents another important milestone as the community continues preparations toward the upcoming Route 66 Centennial. As the eastern gateway to California along Historic Route 66, these signs help strengthen community identity, support tourism efforts, and enhance the visitor experience entering Needles. Staff would like to thank Caltrans District 8 Director Catalino Pining III, Deputy District Director Joe Solis, and the Caltrans District 8 Operations and Maintenance teams for their partnership and support in completing the project.
- 3. Route 66 Centennial Festival Sponsorship Support:** The City of Needles would like to recognize and thank River Valley Air Conditioning for becoming the first official Route 66 Major Sponsor of the Third Annual Community Fall Festival and Route 66 Centennial Celebration with a \$5,000 sponsorship commitment. The November 7, 2026 event at Santa Fe Park will commemorate the 100-Year Anniversary of Historic Route 66 and is expected to attract regional visitors, businesses, vendors, and tourism partners from across the Route 66 corridor. Staff continues advancing sponsorship outreach, vendor recruitment, and event coordination efforts. The City encourages interested sponsors and vendors to

contact staff regarding remaining opportunities to support and participate in the event as preparations continue.

4. Economic Development & Retail Recruitment Efforts

The City of Needles continues advancing economic development and retail recruitment efforts to attract new investment, restaurants, lodging, and commercial opportunities to the community. Next week, Vice Mayor Campbell and Councilmember McCorkle will join the City's economist, Michael Bracken, at the 2026 ICSC Las Vegas Convention, May 18–20, one of the nation's premier retail and commercial real estate conferences. The event provides an opportunity to meet directly with retailers, developers, brokers, and investors to promote Needles as a pro-growth, business-friendly community strategically located along Interstate 40 and Historic Route 66. City representatives will continue marketing development opportunities while highlighting infrastructure investments, tourism activity, and regional growth potential.

5. NIAA State Tournament Update & Facility Preparations: The City of Needles successfully welcomed teams, families, and visitors this week for the 2026 NIAA Class 2A State Softball Championship at Nikki Bunch Field and the Class 2A State Baseball Championship at Needles High School. In preparation for tournament activities, City Public Works crews completed additional restroom flooring restoration and facility improvement work at the Nikki Bunch softball complex to enhance the appearance and functionality of the venue. The City also congratulates the Needles High School Boys Baseball and Girls Softball teams on advancing to the NIAA State Championship games, both taking place Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. on their home fields. The tournament reflects the community's continued support for youth athletics, school pride, and regional visitation and community engagement.

6. Water Infrastructure Improvement Progress Update: City crews and project partners this week continued final completion efforts associated with the Water Main and Manifold Improvements Project, part of the City's nearly \$14.3 million investment in critical water infrastructure improvements throughout the community. The City recognizes Utility Manager Rainie Torrance for her continued leadership in securing grant funding, Director of Development Services/Capital Projects Kathy Raasch for overseeing project delivery and implementation, and Chief Water Operator Bryan Hickstein for his operational coordination throughout construction activities. These investments continue improving long-term water reliability and resiliency while reflecting the coordinated efforts of Utility staff, Public Works crews, engineers, contractors, and project partners.

7. School Zone Safety Improvements Completed: The City recently completed school zone signing and striping improvements near Needles High School, Needles Middle School, and Vista Colorado Elementary School following recommendations from a 2025 school zone traffic safety analysis. Improvements included updated signage, refreshed pavement markings, and enhanced visibility measures to improve safety and pedestrian awareness near school campuses. The project was originally approved by the City Council in August 2025, with staff subsequently securing funding to advance the

improvements. These efforts reflect the City's continued commitment to student safety and safe traffic operations near local schools.

8. **Supporting Youth Development & Financial Literacy:** Arrowhead Credit Union will once again host its annual "Take Credit" financial literacy workshop at the Needles Recreation Center on **Saturday, May 30, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** for local youth ages 12–18. The free interactive program provides students with hands-on experience navigating real-world financial decisions involving budgeting, savings, credit, housing, transportation, and unexpected expenses. This marks the second consecutive year Arrowhead Credit Union has partnered with the City and local educators to bring the program to Needles, continuing its investment in youth development and financial literacy. Additional registration information is available at [Take Credit Registration Form](#).
9. **Needles Little League Tournament of Champions:** Needles Little League recently announced that the City of Needles will host the Tournament of Champions (TOC) from May 26–28 at Ed Perry and Phillips Fields. The tournament is expected to bring visiting teams, families, and spectators to the community while showcasing Needles' continued support for youth athletics and regional sports activities. Hosting events such as the TOC helps promote community engagement and generates additional activity for local businesses, restaurants, and lodging providers. Additional schedules and tournament information are expected to be released by Needles Little League in the coming weeks.
10. **ACES Youth Awards & Regional Recognition:** The City of Needles is proud to recognize local students and programs selected as finalists for the 2026 Tri-State Athletics, Community and Education Stars (ACES) Awards, which celebrate outstanding achievement in athletics, academics, leadership, and community involvement across the tri-state region. Needles finalists include the Needles High School Football Team for Team of the Year, Hudson Smith for Male Leadership, Liana DeLeon for Female Scholar Athlete, and Scotti Powell for Female Athlete of the Year. Tickets are \$35 each through Wednesday, May 20, and must be purchased in advance. The City also thanks Councilmember Jamie McCorkle for her volunteer service and involvement with the ACES Awards committee. These recognitions continue to highlight the strength of Needles' student-athletes and the importance of youth programs in building community pride and supporting families throughout the region.
11. **Run for the Wall 2026 – Community Welcome and Veteran Tribute:** The City of Needles proudly welcomed more than 300 riders this week during the 37th Annual Run for the Wall, a national motorcycle ride honoring U.S. veterans and raising awareness for Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA) as we celebrate the 51st anniversary of the Vietnam War and the 35th anniversary of Desert Storm. Riders traveling from Southern California to Washington, D.C. were warmly received at El Garces by community members, the Needles Chamber of Commerce, the Needles High School Band, Teamsters Local 1932, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Saint Ann's Catholic Church, Arrowhead Credit Union, Colorado River Home Health, and Billet Health. The City extends its sincere appreciation to the Needles Chamber of Commerce for their partnership

and support in helping welcome participants to the community. Special thanks also go to Mayor Janet Jernigan, the Needles Military Moms for providing lunch, and the Daughters of the American Revolution for serving ice cream through generous local donations. The annual event continues to reflect Needles' strong support for veterans, community pride, and hospitality along Historic Route 66.

12. **St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Dinner & Community Support:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles recently hosted its Semi-Annual Volunteer Dinner recognizing volunteers and community partners supporting the greater Tri-State region. St. Vincent de Paul continues to play an important role assisting vulnerable individuals and families through food assistance, outreach, and volunteer-driven community services. The City would also like to recognize the organization's recent \$1,000 grant award from the Enterprise Mobility Foundation supporting ongoing community assistance efforts. The City appreciates the continued dedication of St. Vincent de Paul volunteers and community partners who help improve quality of life throughout the region.
13. **Needles Elks Mother's Day Brunch:** The City recognizes and congratulates Needles Elks Lodge #1608 on another successful annual Mother's Day Brunch held this past weekend. The well-attended event brought together approximately 80 community members and families and was described as a record turnout celebrating Mother's Day within the Needles community. The event reflected the strong sense of volunteerism, fellowship, and community spirit that continues to make local civic organizations an important part of Needles. The City appreciates the efforts of the Elks Lodge members and volunteers who organized and supported the long-standing community tradition honoring mothers and families throughout the community.
14. **1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck Restoration Project – Community Sponsorship Effort:** The City of Needles continues advancing restoration efforts for the historic 1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck, a long-standing symbol of community pride and public service within Needles. The vehicle was recently featured during the annual Run for the Wall event and will continue to be showcased at future community events and civic celebrations as restoration work progresses. As outlined in the community restoration flyer, the City is currently seeking approximately \$7,450 in donations and sponsorship support to help complete the next phase of restoration work, including mechanical, fabrication, and chrome improvements. The City appreciates the continued support from residents, businesses, and community partners helping preserve an important piece of Needles history for future generations. Those interested in contributing toward the restoration effort may contact Jesse Fragoso at jfragoso@cityofneedles.com.
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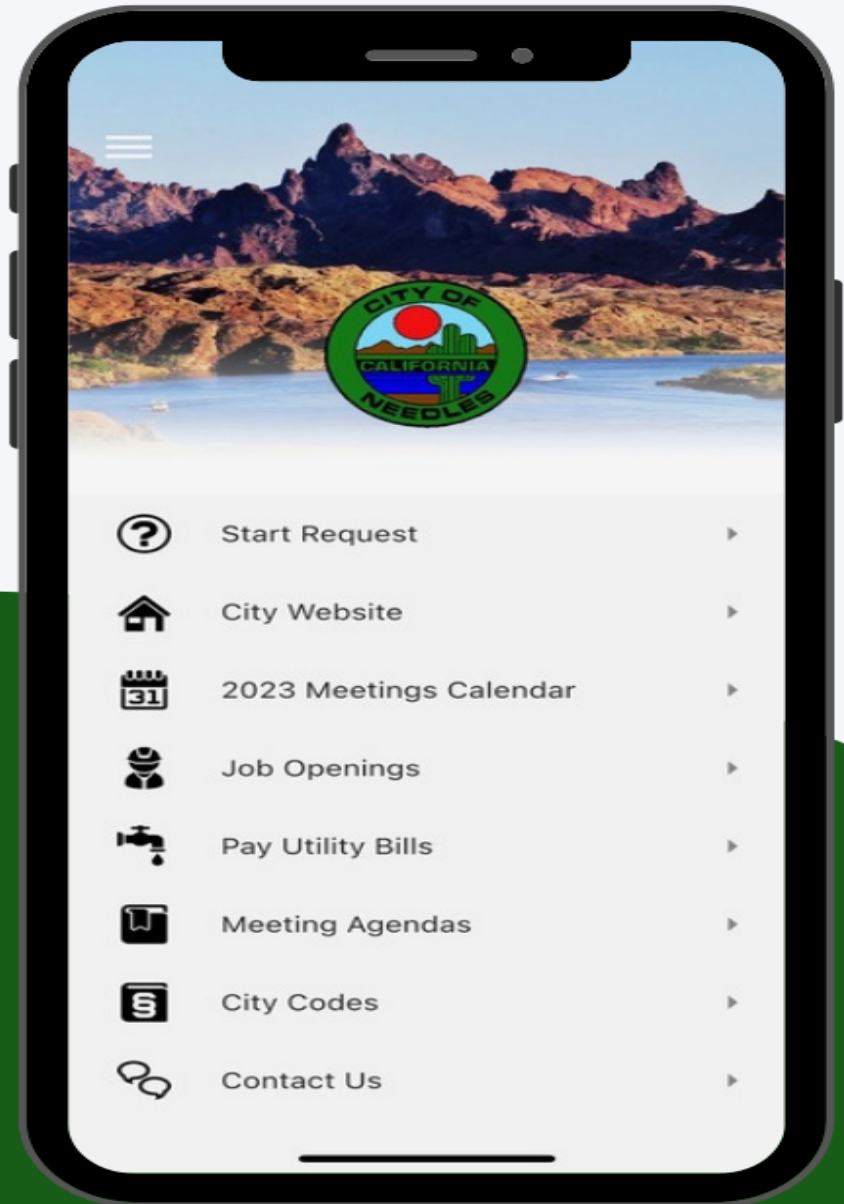
1. NEEDLES CONNECT APP

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2. ROUTE 66 SIGN INSTALLATION CALTRANS

Saturday, May 09, 2026 10:57AM
N 34° 49' 24", W 114° 35' 46"
I-40 W
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 09:27AM
N 34° 49' 21", W 114° 35' 52"
1100 E Broadway St
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 07:45AM
N 34° 51' 22", W 114° 37' 48"
I-40 E
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 10:01AM
N 34° 45' 47", W 114° 34' 35"
92363
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 11:23AM
N 34° 50' 20", W 114° 36' 38"
1201 Third St
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 10:29AM
N 34° 45' 36", W 114° 34' 17"
I-40 W
San Bernardino County



3. CENTENNIAL SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

SAVE THE DATE!

The City of Needles

100 YEARS
ROUTE 66
1926-2026

★ *Third Annual* ★

COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

Celebrate the Route 66 Centennial!
Cruisin' the Century in Needles
featuring **DJLoke & Tyler Halsey**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM • SANTA FE PARK, NEEDLES, CA

OHMV Car Show **Food Trucks**
Beer Garden at Red Dog Saloon
Kids Zone & Games
Fireworks Show

NOW ACCEPTING VENDORS

LOOKING FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN US FOR A HISTORIC CELEBRATION
Experience the energy of Route 66 and a Fall Festival like never before — OHMV, culture, community, and the Colorado River

Contact Jennifer Valenzuela at 760-326-2814
or parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com

CITYOFNEEDLES.COM



4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ONE SHEET

2026 City of Needles, California Retail Market Opportunities



The City of Needles is located in San Bernardino County in Southern California and serves as the gateway to the Colorado River along the California/Arizona/Nevada borders. Economic opportunity exists for companies seeking access to local population (6,100), regional population (148,000), tourism/visitors to the area (5.5 million annually) and 8.4 million vehicles annually traveling on Interstate 40 through the middle of the City of Needles.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT:

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City Manager
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CATEGORY	CITY OF NEEDLES*	RIVER REGION**
Population		
Current (2026):	6,081	147,907
Five Year Projection (2026-31):	6,200	154,773
Ethnicity		
Caucasian:	63.75%	75.08%
Hispanic:	29.23%	20.89%
African American:	2.58%	1.49%
Native American:	11.67%	2.30%
Age Distribution		
0-17:	21.84%	14.58%
18-24:	8.94%	6.03%
25-34:	9.96%	8.87%
35-44:	10.92%	9.55%
45-54:	11.36%	9.32%
55+:	36.98%	51.66%
Median Age:	43.51	56.34
Educational Achievement (Highest Level of Achievement Follows HS or Greater: Adults 25+)		
High School or Greater:	82.03%	88.56%
High School or GED:	35.12%	35.08%
Some College:	29.06%	28.18%
Associates Degree:	7.91%	9.38%
Bachelor's, Master's Prof. or PhD Degree:	9.96%	15.93%
Income		
Average Household Income:	\$72,229	\$83,736
Median Household Income:	\$45,600	\$61,579
Homeownership Rate:	52.04%	69.23%
Median Home Value	\$162,928	\$354,970
Number of Households:	2,131	67,861
Average Household Size:	2.38	2.17

Notes:

Ethnicity equals over 100% as Census Bureau counts some persons as more than one ethnicity

**River Region includes the communities of Needles, Bullhead City, Fort Mohave, Laughlin and Lake Havasu

RETAIL OPPORTUNITIES (ESTIMATED 2026 CONSUMER DEMAND)

Demand figures DO NOT include demand from Tourist: 5.5+ million/year & I-40 Vehicles: 8.4 million/year

RETAIL CATEGORY	CITY OF NEEDLES		RIVER REGION	
	(2026)	(2031)	(2026)	(2031)
Total Retail Demand	\$114.24MM	\$127.76 MM	\$ 4.02 Billion	\$ 4.69 Billion
Motor Vehicle Sales	\$21.87 MM	\$ 24.58 MM	\$853.05 MM	\$768.90 MM
Automotive Parts	\$ 1.98 MM	\$ 2.10 MM	\$ 66.22 MM	\$ 73.97 MM
Home Furnishings	\$ 2.86 MM	\$ 3.26 MM	\$109.19 MM	\$131.04 MM
Electronics	\$ 2.84 MM	\$ 3.19 MM	\$103.18 MM	\$120.77 MM
Building Materials	\$ 6.68 MM	\$ 7.56 MM	\$244.07 MM	\$288.44 MM
Grocery (Food) Stores	\$13.54 MM	\$ 15.19 MM	\$456.59 MM	\$534.66 MM
Pharmacies & Drug (w/HABA)	\$ 9.62 MM	\$ 10.74 MM	\$340.22 MM	\$399.54 MM
Gasoline Stations	\$ 8.10 MM	\$ 9.12 MM	\$263.31 MM	\$307.06 MM
Clothing	\$ 6.60 MM	\$ 7.00 MM	\$160.45 MM	\$176.70 MM
Sporting Goods	\$ 6.30 MM	\$ 6.91 MM	\$ 72.73 MM	\$ 83.95 MM
Full-Service Restaurants	\$ 7.10 MM	\$ 8.04 MM	\$256.11 MM	\$302.41 MM
QSR/Limited Serve Restaurants	\$ 6.40 MM	\$ 7.24 MM	\$229.40 MM	\$271.13 MM

Traffic Counts from Interstate 40 (Measured) (2024)

LOCATION	AHEAD PEAK MADT	ANNUALIZED AVERAGE AADT
I-40 & I-95 North	22,400	8.81 MM
I-40 & Park Road	18,500	6.76 MM
I-40 & River Road	18,800	6.86 MM
I-40 & J Street	23,100	8.43 MM
I-40 & I-95 South	18,500	6.75 MM



*Population of Needles reflects 400 RV/Motor Home & 560 in Hotels/Motels Visitors (Full-Time Equivalent)

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Sources: US Census Bureau, Claritas, CA Dept. of Finance, American Community Survey, Caltrans, AlphaMap

Mobility Data (Mobile Phone Tracking to Specific Locations)

LOCATION	TOTAL MONTHLY	TOTAL ANNUAL (10/24-9/25)
Arrowhead Credit Union	3,508	42,096
AutoZone	4,200	50,400
Best Western	6,903	82,836
Big O Tires	1,800	21,600
Chevron (East)	18,639	223,668
Chevron (West)	20,132	241,584
Circle K Gas	2,678	32,136
Dairy Queen	27,392	335,193
Days Inn	5,819	69,828
Dollar General	7,288	87,456
Domino's Pizza	17,177	206,124
Hampton Inn & Suites	5,516	66,192
Jack in the Box	23,028	276,336
McDonald's	28,772	345,264
Motel 6	6,816	81,792
Quality Inn	10,966	131,592
River City Pizza	1,626	19,512
River's Edge Golf Course	13,942	167,304
Rodeway Inn	7,379	88,548
Shell (West)	17,916	214,992
Shell (East)	6,648	79,776
Subway	24,680	296,160
Texaco (East)	7,668	92,016
U.S. Post Office	3,237	38,844

Shop. Play. Live - at the Point!

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ONE SHEET

City of Needles, California

2026 Economic Development



\$ Millions in New Investment

Hampton Inn by Hilton



\$7 Million in New Parks

Duke Watkins, Jack Smith & New Beach Park



\$15+ Million in Infrastructure

Water Booster Rehab & Paving

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**Proposed
57 New
Homes**

**Proposed
Palm Communities
60 Units
Multi-Family**

**Proposed
76 Unit
RV Park**

5. STATE TOURNAMENT PREP



6. WATER MANIFOLD PROJECT



7. SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

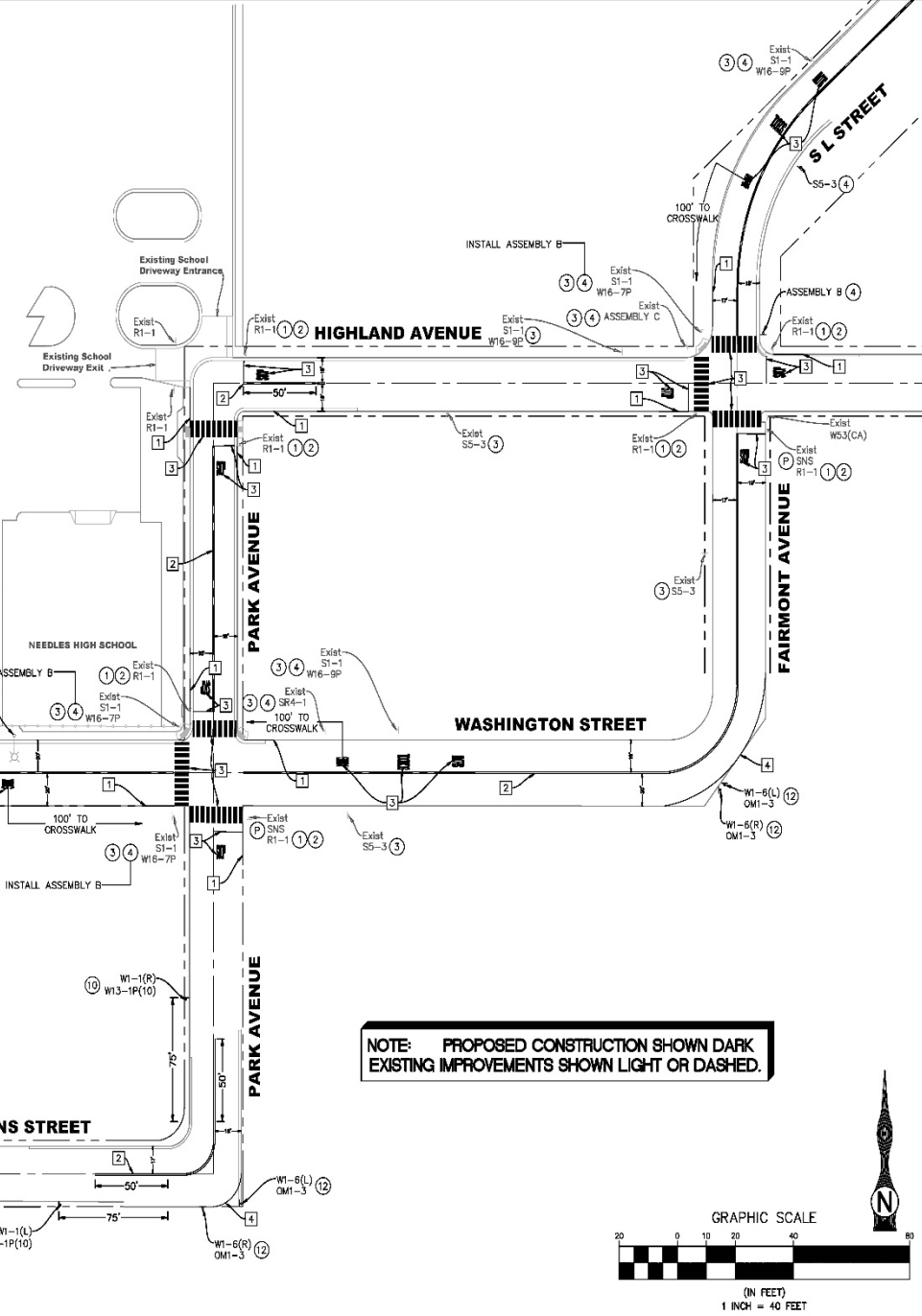
STRIPING CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

- 1 INSTALL 20 FEET OF RED CURB, AS OTHERWISE INDICATED, OR UNTIL FIRST DRIVEWAY
- 2 REPAINT EXISTING DETAIL 22 (DOUBLE YELLOW LINE) PER CALTRANS STANDARD PLANS A204
- 3 REPAINT EXISTING PAVEMENT MARKINGS: LADDER-STILE CROSSWALKS, LIMIT LINES, STOP MARKINGS, YELLOW SCHOOL PAVEMENT MARKINGS, AS SHOWN
- 4 INSTALL NEW DETAIL 27B (EDGE LINE) PER CALTRANS STANDARD PLANS A208
- 5 INSTALL DETAIL 22 (DOUBLE YELLOW LINE) PER CALTRANS STANDARD PLANS A204
- SB SANDBLAST EXISTING CONFLICTING STRIPING

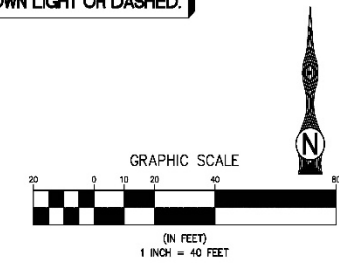
SIGNING CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

- (P) PROTECT EXISTING SIGN.
- 1 SALVAGE EXISTING SUBSTANDARD SIZE R1-1 SIGN.
 - 2 FURNISH AND INSTALL 30" R1-1 ON EXISTING POLE/POST.
 - 3 SALVAGE EXISTING OUTDATED SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS.
 - 4 FURNISH AND INSTALL NEW FLUORESCENT YELLOW-GREEN SCHOOL ZONE PER LATEST CA MUTCD.
 - 5 INSTALL STREET NAME SIGN (SNS).
 - 6 INSTALL "RIGHT TURN ONLY" R3-5, UNDER R1-1.
 - 7 SALVAGE EXISTING OUTDATED "STOP AHEAD" SIGN.
 - 8 FURNISH AND INSTALL NEW W3-1 ON EXISTING POST.
 - 9 CROSSING GUARD LOCATION.
 - 10 FURNISH AND INSTALL W1-(L)(R) AND W13-1P(10).
 - 11 FURNISH AND INSTALL W1-7 AND OM1-3
 - 12 FURNISH AND INSTALL W1-6(L)(R) AND OM1-3

SIGN LEGEND					
SIGN	DESCRIPTION (w"x h")	SIGN	DESCRIPTION (w"x h")	SIGN	DESCRIPTION (w"x h")
	R1-1 (30"x30")		W13-1P(10) (18"x18")		W16-7P (24"x12")
	R3-5 (30"x36")		S1-1 (30"x30")		ASSEMBLY B SW24-3(CA) (30"x42")
	W1-1(L) (30"x30")		W16-9P (24"x12")		SS-3 (24"x30")
	W1-10(R) (30"x30")		ASSEMBLY C SR4-1 (24"x48")		OM1-3 (18"x18")
	K-1B03 (18"x18")		W3-1 (36"x36")		W1-6(R) (48"x24")
	R28(S) (12"x18")		W1-6(L) (48"x24")		W1-7 (48"x24")
	W53(CA) (30"x30")	NOTE: ALL SIGN SIZES SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH CA MUTCD REQUIREMENTS.			



NOTE: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SHOWN DARK EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS SHOWN LIGHT OR DASHED.



Underground Service Alert Call: TOLL FREE 1-800-227-2600 TWO WORKING DAYS BEFORE YOU DIG	BASIS OF BEARINGS: BENCHMARK:	REVISIONS C-352-WP-ICM	CITY OF NEEDLES APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION: STEVEN W. LEBETTER R.C.E. 9414 EXP. DATE 9-30-25		TKE THE ENGINEER, INC. 2305 CHICAGO AVENUE WAKARUSA, TX 76797 (851) 580-0440 (851) 680-0490 FAX TERRY M. RENNER R.C.E. No. 69984	DRAWN BY: MV DESIGNED BY: MV CHECKED BY: MP RECOMMENDED BY:	CITY OF NEEDLES SIGNING AND STRIPING NEEDLES HIGH SCHOOL	SHEET 1 OF 2
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8. ARROWHEAD CREDIT UNION



PLAY & LEARN

Take Credit is a financial event that guides students through real-world financial decisions.

- ▶ Cash paychecks
- ▶ Manage on-time bill payments
- ▶ Make purchase decisions
- ▶ Pay taxes from each paycheck
- ▶ Choose to live alone or with roommates
- ▶ Handle unexpected expenses, like a flat tire
- ▶ Raise their credit score
- ▶ Balance wants vs. needs

STUDENTS ARE INVITED!

Date
Saturday, May 30

Time
10am – 12pm

Location
Needles Recreation Center
1705 J St
Needles, CA 92363

Student Age
12 to 18 years old

Register by
May 25



9. LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT




★ **WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE!** ★

NEEDLES LITTLE LEAGUE WILL BE HOSTING

★ **TTOCC** ★

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

 **LOCATION:**
**ED PERRY &
PHILLIPS FIELDS**
NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA

 **DATES:**
MAY
26-28

 **SCHEDULE:**
TBD



**STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES, SCHEDULES,
AND MORE DETAILS ON OUR
NEEDLES LITTLE LEAGUE
FACEBOOK PAGE!**



★ **COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR PLAYERS
AS THEY COMPETE FOR THE TITLE!** ★

10. TRACES AWARDS



Tri-State Athletics, Community and Education Stars

1h · 🌐



Tri-State Athletics, Community and Education Stars

14h · 🌐

Tickets are on sale now until Wednesday, May 20th. Purchase tickets for \$35 each at Fontenot Law, 1181 Hancock, BHC, Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and today from 8:30 AM to noon. We also offer tables of 10. Tickets must be purchased in advance, as no tickets will be sold at the door. 🌟🌟🌟 [See less](#)

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11. RUN FOR THE WALL



12. ST. VINCENT GRANT AWARD



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Needles Recognizes Grant Award to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles from the Enterprise Mobility Foundation

NEEDLES, CA — The City of Needles is pleased to recognize the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles for receiving a \$1,000 grant from the Enterprise Mobility Foundation™ in support of the organization's ongoing efforts to assist individuals and families in need.

The grant funding will support the organization's general operations and help continue the important services St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles provides to local residents facing hardship. The organization plays an important role in supporting vulnerable members of the community through outreach, assistance, and volunteer-driven programs.

"The City appreciates organizations like St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles and the meaningful work they provide within our community," said Janet Jernigan, Mayor for the City of Needles. "We also appreciate the support of the Enterprise Mobility Foundation and its continued investment in organizations that directly impact the quality of life for residents in Needles."

The mission of the Enterprise Mobility Foundation is to strengthen the communities where Enterprise Mobility™ team members live and work by actively supporting a range of charitable causes such as the environment, health and human services, education, military and disaster relief. The Foundation has contributed more than half a billion dollars to thousands of local nonprofits in the United States and made wide-reaching commitments — from global philanthropic initiatives to community-focused projects.

Enterprise Mobility is a leading provider of mobility solutions including car rental, fleet management, flexible vehicle hire, carsharing, vanpooling, truck rental, luxury rental, retail car sales and vehicle subscription, as well as other transportation technology services and solutions, to make travel easier and more convenient for customers. Enterprise Mobility, inclusive of its subsidiaries and franchisees, and affiliate, Enterprise Fleet Management, manage a diverse fleet of more than 2.4 million vehicles through an integrated network of over 9,500 fully staffed neighborhood and airport rental locations in more than 90 countries and territories. Privately held by the Taylor family of St. Louis, Enterprise Mobility manages the Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental and Alamo brands.

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13. ELKS MOTHER DAYS EVENT



14. 1923 NEEDLES FIRE TRUCK



14. 1923 NEEDLES FIRE TRUCK



CITY OF NEEDLES **1923** AMERICAN LaFRANCE **FIRE TRUCK** RESTORATION PROJECT



Help Preserve a Piece of Needles History

For generations, this historic fire truck has represented service, pride, and community spirit in the City of Needles. We are asking for the community's support to help restore and preserve this historic vehicle for future generations.

★ RESTORATION NEEDS ★

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|---|---|---------|
| 1 | Bell Bracket | \$50 |
| 2 | Pyramid Aluminum 16" x 80" Sheets | \$2,000 |
| 3 | Mechanical Temp Gauge | \$100 |
| 4 | Wood for Bed | \$1,000 |
| 5 | Toolbox for Bed | \$800 |
| 6 | Steel Battery Box and Tool Box | \$2,000 |
| 7 | Chrome Work for Truck | \$1,500 |

COMMUNITY RESTORATION GOAL

\$7,450

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Donate toward restoration costs

Sponsor a restoration item

Volunteer skilled labor or materials

Help spread the word throughout the community

**A PIECE OF HISTORY.
A SYMBOL OF PRIDE.
OUR TRUCK. OUR COMMUNITY.**



City of Needles Fire Department
817 Third Street
Needles, California

15. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MEMORIAL DAY ★ CEREMONY ★

Join us as we come together as a community to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

 **Needles Riverview Cemetery, Needles, CA**



**May 25, 2026
11:00 AM**

This special program will include a heartfelt tribute to our fallen heroes, patriotic observances, and a time of remembrance.

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
Let us stand together in gratitude and reflection. ★

 *We remember. We honor. We never forget.* 

16. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PUBLIC MEETING

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SERVICES ACT



Behavioral Health

COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING CITY OF NEEDLES

Learn about the transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), explore San Bernardino County Behavioral Health programs and resources available to the Needles community, and most importantly, share your voice and be part of the conversation.

Tuesday, May 19
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Needles Council Chambers
1111 Bailey Ave., Needles

A white oval containing the text "MHSA IS NOW BHSA" in blue and green. "MHSA" is in blue, "IS NOW" is in a smaller blue font, and "BHSA" is in a larger green font.

MHSA
IS NOW
BHSA

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